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Title: SETTLEMENT SYSTEMS AND METHODS WHEREIN A BUYER
TAKES POSSESSION AT A RETAILER OF A PRODUCT
PURCHASED USING A COMMUNICATION NETWORK

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**REQUEST FOR CERTIFICATE OF CORRECTION
UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.323**

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Dear Examiner:

Patentees request correction of the above-identified patent.

Upon review of the above-referenced patent, Patentees noted eight errors attributable to both the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office and Patentees. Accordingly, please make the following corrections.

Claims 10, 13, 31, 38, 61, 67, 96 and 97 contain typographical errors. Please correct each of these claims as indicated below.

In claim 10, column 43, line 66, please **REPLACE** the word "tune" with the word "time" as follows:

10. The method of claim 9, wherein the payment is received at a ~~tune~~ time based on when the purchasing system arranges for the buyer to purchase the product.

In claim 13, column 44, line 8, please **DELETE** the word "took" and **REPLACE** with "taken" as follows:

13. The method of claim 12, wherein the penalty amount is imposed when the buyer has not ~~took~~ taken possession of the product from the retailer within a predetermined period of time.

In claim 31, column 45, line 2, please **ADD** a space after the word "if" and **INSERT** the word "the" before the word "first" as follows:

31. The method of claim 22, wherein said arranging for the buyer to purchase the product is only performed if (i) ~~the~~ first price is at least equal to the minimum acceptable price; and (ii) the minimum profit amount is at least equal to the first price and the subsidy amount less the settlement price.

In claim 38, column 45, line 23, please **INSERT** the word "the" before the word "buyer" as follows:

38. The method of claim 1, wherein said arranging for the buyer to take possession of the product comprises sending redemption information to ~~the~~ buyer.

In claim 61, column 46, line 49, please **DELETE** the word "puce" and **REPLACE** with the word "price" as follows:

61. A method of operating a purchasing system, comprising:

- receiving, from a buyer through a communication network, information about a product to be purchased from a seller at a first price;

- receiving payment based on the first price from the buyer;

- arranging for the buyer to take possession of the product at a retailer that offers the product for sale at a second price, wherein the retailer is not the seller;

- sending to the retailer verification information enabling the retailer to authorize the buyer to take possession of the product; and

- arranging for the retailer to receive payment of a settlement ~~puce~~ price in exchange for providing the product to the buyer.

In claim 67, column 47, line 6, please **DELETE** the number "1" at line 6 and **REPLACE** with the number "61" as follows:

67. The method of claim + 61, wherein said sending to the retailer verification information comprises:

- sending redemption information to the buyer;

- receiving from the retailer information related to an attempt to take possession of the product; and

- sending to the retailer a verification authorizing the buyer to take possession of the product.

In claim 96, column 50, line 12, please **DELETE** the word "retail" at line 12 and **REPLACE** with the word "retailer" as follows:

96. A method of operating a purchasing system, comprising: arranging through a communication network for a buyer to (i) purchase a product from a seller at a first price, and (ii) take possession of the product at a ~~retail~~ retailer that offers the product for sale at a second price, wherein the retailer is not the seller; arranging for the buyer to provide to the retailer a payment of an amount based on the first price; and arranging for the retailer to receive payment of an amount based on a difference between the first price and a settlement price in exchange for providing the product to the buyer.

In claim 97, column 50, line 26, please **DELETE** the word "retail" and **REPLACE** with the word "retailer" as follows:

97. A method of operating a purchasing system, comprising: arranging through a communication network for a buyer to (i) purchase a product from a seller at a first price, and (ii) take possession of the product at a ~~retail~~ retailer that offers the product for sale at a second price, wherein the retailer is not the seller; determining if the second price is less than the first price; and if the second price is less than the first price, arranging for the buyer to purchase the product from the seller at no more than the second price.

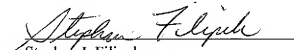
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It is certified that error appears in the above-identified patent and that said Letters Patent is hereby corrected as shown below:

In claim 10, column 43, line 66, REPLACE the word "tune" with the word --time--.

In claim 13, column 44, line 8, REPLACE the word "took" with the word --taken--.

In claim 31, column 45, line 2, INSERT the word --the-- before the word "first".

In claim 38, column 45, line 23, INSERT the word --the-- before the word "buyer".

In claim 61, column 46, line 49, DELETE the word "puce" and REPLACE with the word --price--.

In claim 67, column 47, line 6, DELETE the number "1" and REPLACE with the number --61--.

In claim 96, column 50, line 12, DELETE the word "retail" and REPLACE with the word --retailer--.

In claim 97, column 50, line 26, DELETE the word "retail" and REPLACE with the work --retailer--.

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